

**SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO EXISTING BUILDING AND
REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WINDOWS AT BISHOPS WALTHAM
DEPOT, BOTLEY ROAD, BISHOPS WALTHAM SO32 1DR
(APPLICATION NO: 12/01577/HCS)
(SITE REF: WRH004)**

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Item 8 in the Minute Book) regarding an application for a single storey extension to the offices at Bishops Waltham Depot on Botley Road.

The officer introduced the item, showing the Committee a location plan, aerial photograph, elevation plans and photos of the site from several directions, enabling Members to see both the current layout and what was proposed and the relationship between the offices, neighbouring houses and the depot.

The extension had been proposed due to reorganisation and relocation of some of Hampshire County Council's Highways South team, which would release staff from several offices and enable them to work flexibly from one location. It was acknowledged that there had been management issues at the site by the County Councils contractor which had resulted in disturbance to local residents. The Head of Highways South has recently met with residents to discuss their concerns and has taken action. It has also been agreed that there will be regular liaison with local residents and there will be a County Council contact at the site if they had any concerns.

The Committee received a deputation from Harry Ford, a local resident. Mr Ford told the Committee that the extension would affect the views of residents and was not in keeping with the design of the original building. Concerns were also raised over the increase in traffic, which was already a problem in the area with some vehicles being left in front of residents properties with their engines left running. The extension and increased use would also have an effect on house prices.

The officer confirmed that the trees alongside the current building would remain and help shield the extension and any increase in traffic would only be in cars and small vans with staff using the parking area in the depot and walking to and from the office. There would be no increase in HGV's or larger vehicles operating on the site as a result of this application. Additional parking would be provided in the depot to accommodate the increase in staff and would relieve parking near the residents properties.

The Committee accepted that a flat roof was the only option for a single storey extension on this building, and that with the Highways South staff being at the offices the site would be better managed than it had been in the past.. It was agreed by the Committee that a condition would be added to the application, which would protect the roots of the trees that bordered where the extension would be.

RESOLVED:

- a) Planning permission in respect of the single storey extension to existing building and replacement or existing windows at Bishops Waltham Depot, Botley Road, Bishops Waltham (Application No: 12/01577/HCS) (Site Ref: WRH004) was approved, subject to the condition agreed at Committee, above, and those listed in Integral Appendix B.

Voting:

Favour: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1